


LEGIONNAIRES
18
SEPT 94

ZERO HOUR

DC
UNIVERSE

LEGIONNAIRES

END
OF AN
ERA
PART 4 OF 6



IMMONEN
VON STRAWSER '94

WAID
GARDNER
CRAMER

THE THIRTIETH
CENTURY IS
CRUMBLING.

EACH NEW **SECOND** BRINGS
WITH IT ANOTHER **PARADOX**...
EACH **HEARTBEAT**, ANOTHER
CONTRADICTION IN **CHRONAL**
CONTINUITY.

HEROES THOUGHT **LONG**
DEAD REAPPEAR WITHOUT
WARNING... WHILE CHAMPIONS
CHERISHED AS **VITAL** AND
ALIVE VANISH JUST AS
SUDDENLY...



... AND WITH EACH SUCH
ENTRANCE AND **EXIT**,
THE **TEMPORAL FABRIC**
THAT KNOTS THE **UNI-**
VERSE FRAYS CHILLINGLY
FURTHER.

THERE WAS ONE WHOSE
POWERS MIGHT HAVE
CONTAINED THE **CARNAGE**
... A BEING OF **LIMITLESS**
POWER KNOWN AS THE
INFINITE MAN.



END OF
AN ERA,
PART 4:

CHANGING TIMES



HE'S GONE NOW.

BUT HIS POWER
LIVES ON...
INSIDE MORDRU
AND GLORITH!

AND IN THEIR
HANDS, INFINITE
POWER TIMES
INFINITE AMBITION
EQUALS INFINITE
EVIL!



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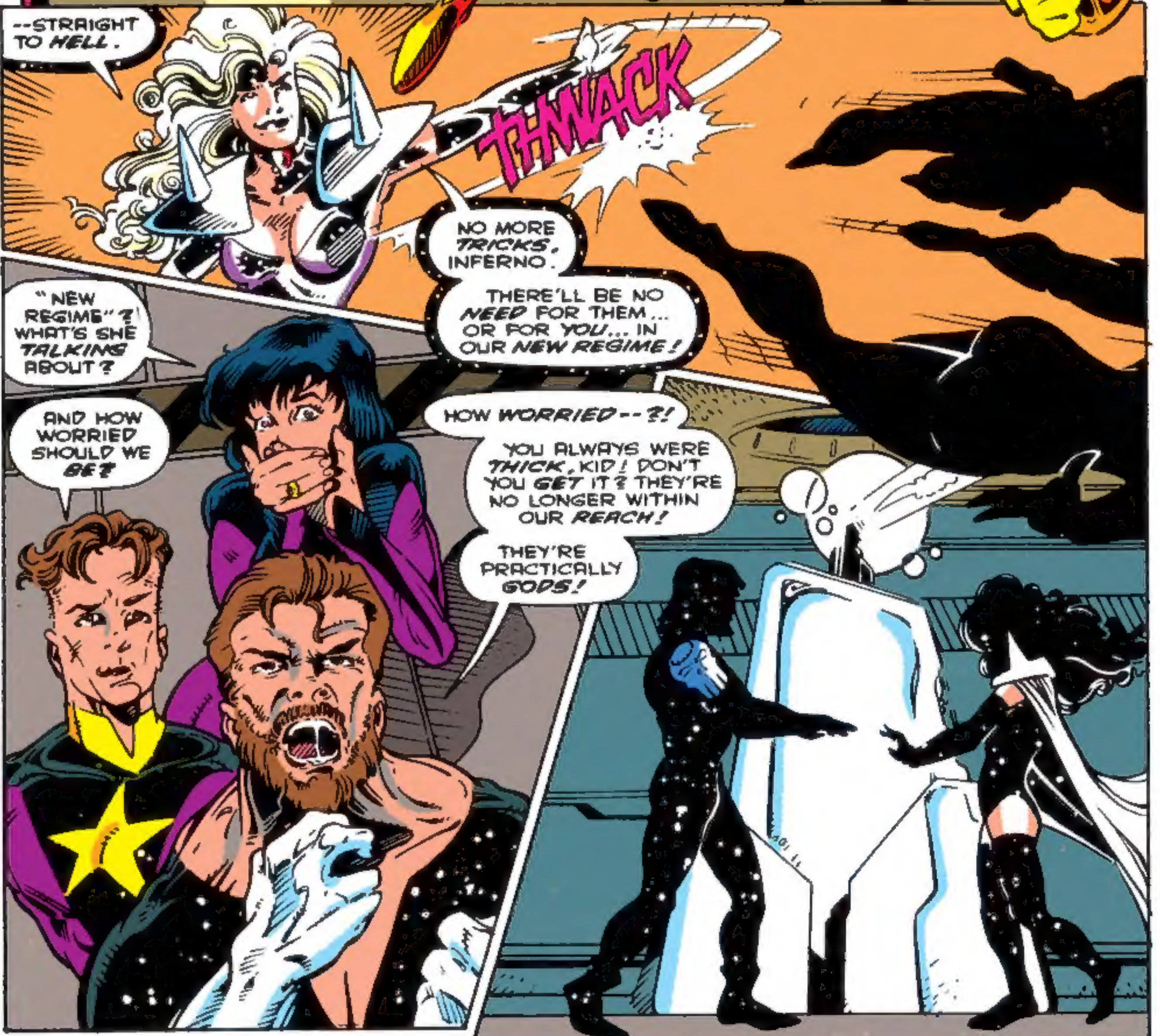
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THIS IS
A TRICK!
IT HAS
TO BE!

BRING THEM
DOWN! CELESTE--
ULTRA BOY--NRG--
FOLLOW ME--



--STRAIGHT
TO HELL.

THWACK

NO MORE
TRICKS,
INFERNO.

THERE'LL BE NO
NEED FOR THEM...
OR FOR YOU... IN
OUR NEW REGIME!

"NEW
REGIME"?
WHAT'S SHE
TALKING
ABOUT?

AND HOW
WORRIED
SHOULD WE
BE?

HOW WORRIED--?!

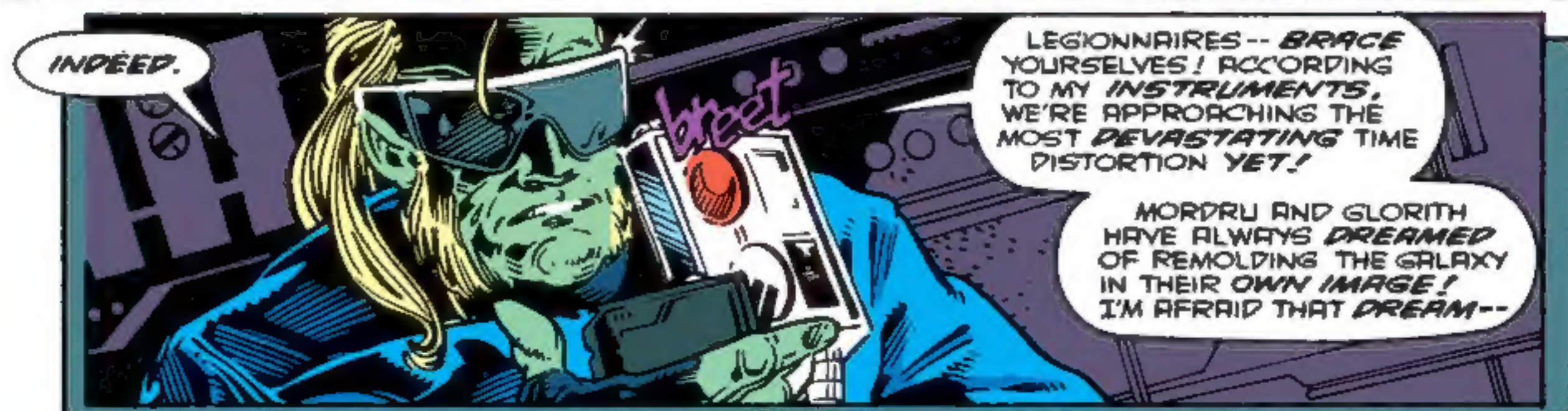
YOU ALWAYS WERE
THICK, KID! DON'T
YOU GET IT? THEY'RE
NO LONGER WITHIN
OUR REACH!

THEY'RE
PRACTICALLY
GODS!



"AND ONCE THEY JOIN THEIR POWER TOGETHER--"

"--THEY CAN SCULPT TIME AND SPACE TO FIT THEIR WHIMS!"



INDEED.

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LEGIONNAIRES-- BRACE YOURSELVES! ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUMENTS, WE'RE APPROACHING THE MOST DEVASTATING TIME DISTORTION YET!

MORDRU AND GLORITH HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED OF REMOLDING THE GALAXY IN THEIR OWN IMAGE! I'M AFRAID THAT DREAM--



--IS FINALLY BECOMING REALITY!

GASP

BLOODY GRIFE! EVERYTHING AROUND US IS CHANGING!



"EVERYTHING!"

"ATTENTION, ALL CRUISERS! TWO OF THIS GALAXY'S GREATEST ENEMIES HAVE OVERRUN THE S.P. BASE ON TALUS!"

"THE LEGION'S TAKEN THE POINT IN THIS BATTLE --"

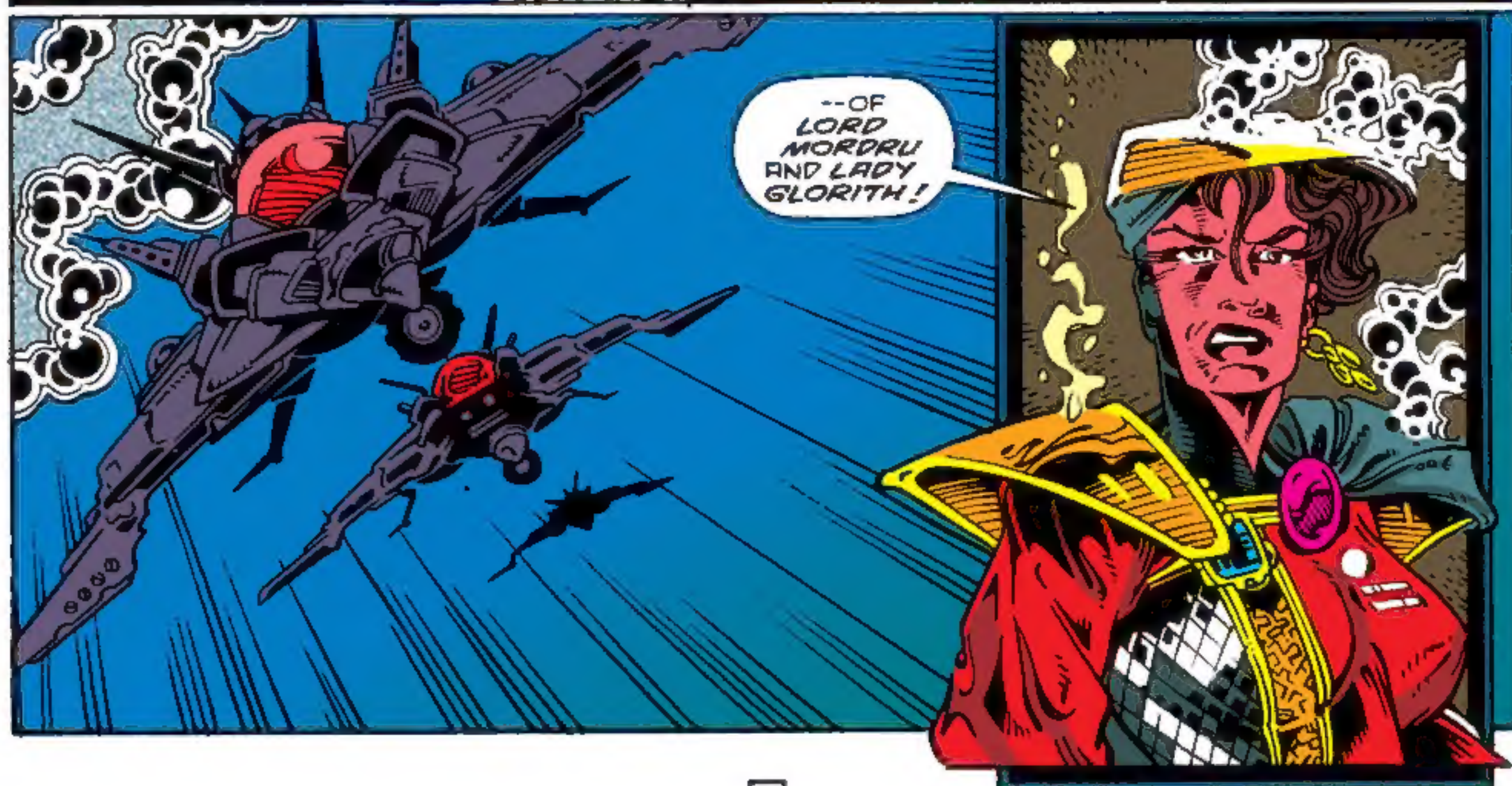


-- BUT THEY'RE DEPENDING ON US FOR BACKUP-- AND WE CANNOT LET THEM DOWN! UNDERSTOOD?"

ABSOLUTELY, SIR! HELL, HALF THE FORCE OWE THEIR LIVES TO THE LEGION!

YOU HEARD THE MAN, TROOPS!

LET'S GET IN THERE AND FIGHT FOR THE HONOR --



-- OF LORD MORDRU AND LADY GLORITH!

IT'S HAPPENING!
THEIR SPELL OF
TRANSFORMATION
IS SWEEPING IN-
FINITELY OUT-
WARD!

EVEN AS WE
SPEAK, ENTIRE
STAR SYSTEMS
ARE CHANGING--
AND TWISTING!

IF WE DON'T
ACT, MORDRU
AND GLORITH WILL
FINALLY LAY
CLAIM TO THE
UNIVERSE...

...FOR SO
LONG AS
IT LASTS!

DON'T HEDGE
DETAILS NOW,
MR. DOX! HOW
LONG DID YE HAVE
IN MIND?!

ONCE THEY
ACHIEVE THEIR
GOAL? APPROXI-
MATELY FIVE-
POINT-SEVEN
SECONDS.

PRECISELY FIVE-
POINT-EIGHT. IT
DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT'S CRITICAL
IS THAT OUR FOES
RECOGNIZE THE
DAMAGE ALREADY
DONE TO THE
TIMESTREAM!

NICE SPEECH, GENIUS
BOY! TELL THEM
THAT... BUT DON'T COUNT
ON 'EM TO LISTEN!

WE CAN'T
POSSIBLY
KEEP THEM
FROM...!!

KONO?
KONO!

GREAT! SHE'S
GONE, TOO! THE
CASUALTIES CON-
TINUE TO MOUNT
WHILE THE LEGION
STANDS HELP-
LESS!

IF THEY DON'T
STOP, WE DON'T HAVE
A CHANCE TO RE-
PAIR TIME BEFORE
THEIR TAMPERING
SHATTERS IT BEYOND
THE BREAKING
POINT!

DOESN'T
ANYONE
KNOW A WAY
OUT OF THIS
MESS?

ELSEWHERE...

ROKK KRINN--
KIDNAPPED BY MORDRU
AND GLORITH FOR
REASONS AS YET UN-
REVEALED-- CONTEMPLATES
ETERNAL IMPRISONMENT...

SOME EXIT THIS
TURNED OUT TO BE.
WHAT DID MORDRU
CALL THIS PLACE?

"THE INFINITE
LIBRARY--ARCHIVE
OF ALL CHRONAL
KNOWLEDGE"...AND NO
DOUBT THE SOURCE OF
GLORITH'S MAGIC!

HOW LONG HAVE I
BEEN HERE? AN
HOUR? A YEAR?

TOUGH TO TELL
IN A ROOM WHERE
TIME STANDS STILL.

MY GOD...TO SPEND
THE REST OF TIME
LOCKED AWAY FROM
MY FRIENDS...MY
WIFE AND...

NO, I WON'T
SUCCUMB TO
DESPAIR. SHAKE
IT OFF, ROKK...
DON'T--

--HEY, WHAT'S THIS?
GLORITH'S JOURNAL...?

THE GRAND CHRONICLE
OF HER PLANS AND
SCHEMES. ACCORDING TO
THIS, SHE AND MORDRU
TUCKED ME AWAY BECAUSE
MY...

...IS THIS
RIGHT?...

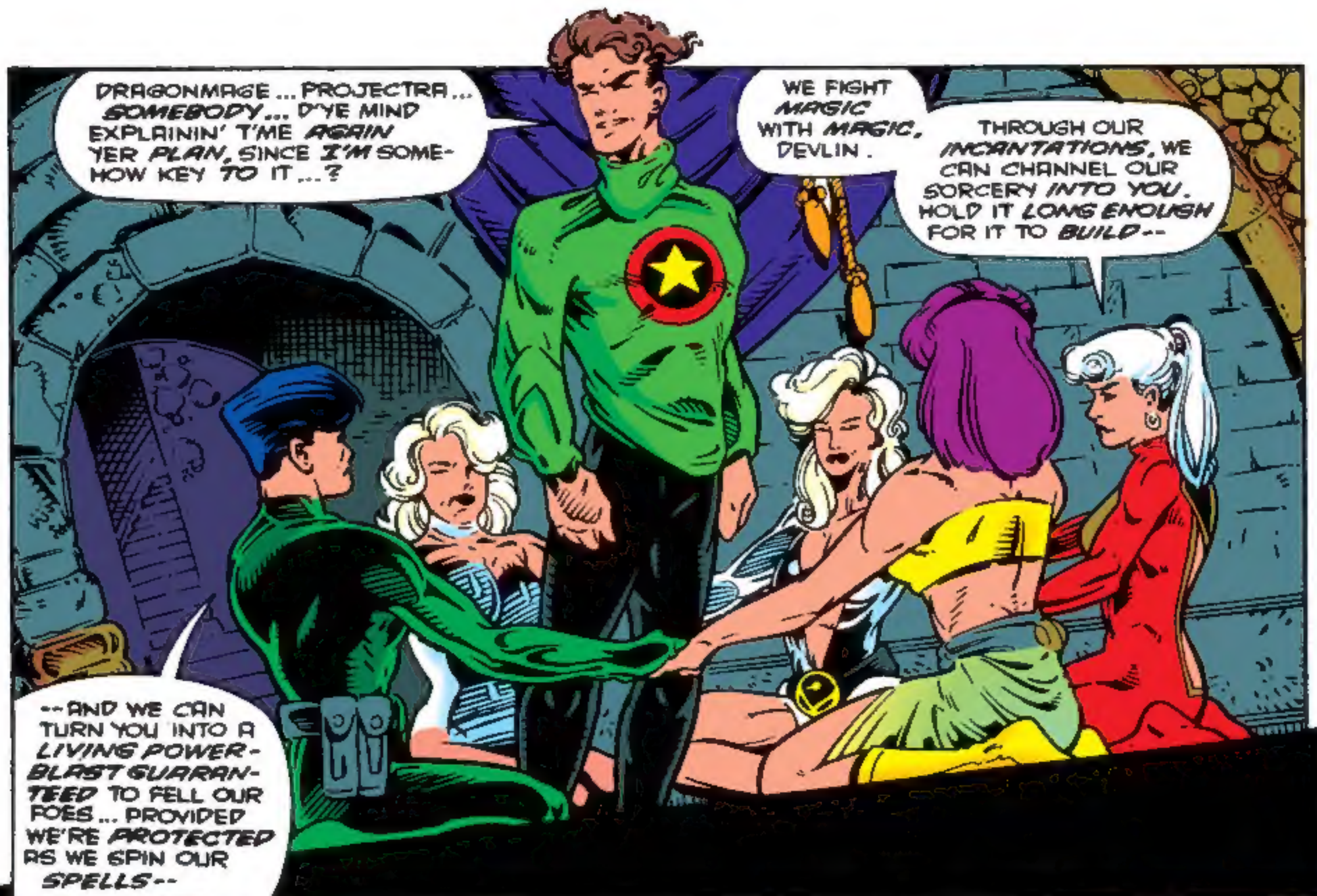
...MY DESTINY IS
SOMEHOW ENTWINED
WITH THAT OF THEIR
GREATEST ADVERSARY?
BUT WHO--AND HOW?

NO ANSWER TO THAT.
APPARENTLY, NOT EVEN
THEY KNOW FOR CER-
TAIN--WHICH EXPLAINS
WHY THEY LET
ME LIVE.

THEIR MISTAKE.
THESE VOLUMES
CONTAIN THE SUM
TOTAL OF TIME'S
POWER.

SOMEWHERE,
ONE OF THEM IS
BOUND TO CON-
TAIN THE SECRETS
THAT'LL FREE ME,
AND I WILL FIND
IT...

...EVEN IF
IT TAKES ME
TO THE END
OF TIME!



DRAGONMAGE... PROJECTRA...
SOMEBODY... D'YE MIND
EXPLAININ' T' ME *AGAIN*
YER *PLAN*, SINCE I'M SOME-
HOW KEY TO IT...?

WE FIGHT
MAGIC
WITH *MAGIC*,
DEVLIN.

THROUGH OUR
INCANTATIONS, WE
CAN CHANNEL OUR
SORCERY *INTO YOU*.
HOLD IT LONG ENOUGH
FOR IT TO *BUILD*--

--AND WE CAN
TURN YOU INTO A
LIVING POWER-
BLAST GUARAN-
TEED TO FELL OUR
FOES... PROVIDED
WE'RE *PROTECTED*
AS WE SPIN OUR
SPELLS--



LEAVE IT TO
US TO RUN *IN-*
TERFERENCE,
JECKIE.

WE'LL DO OUR
BEST TO *DISTRACT*
THE COSMIC LOVE-
BIRDS, SO YOU
MAGICIANS CAN
PUT 'EM ON *ICE*!



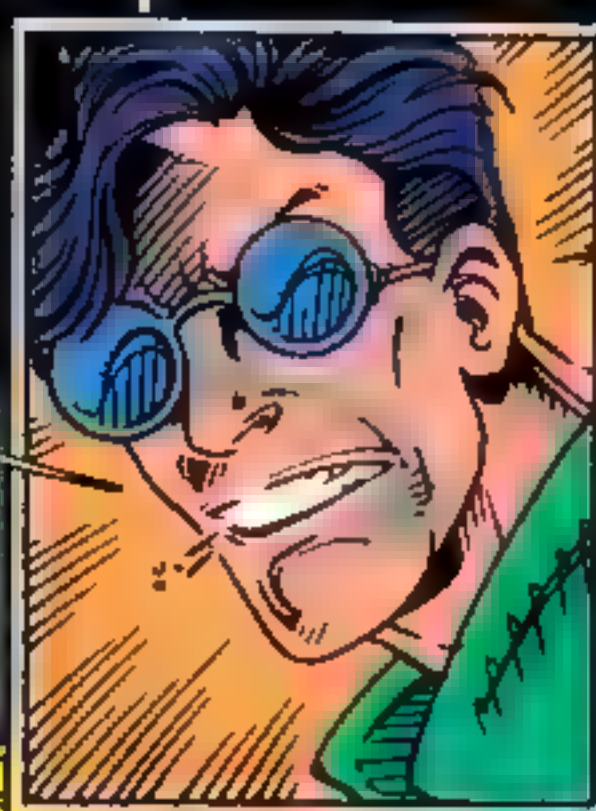
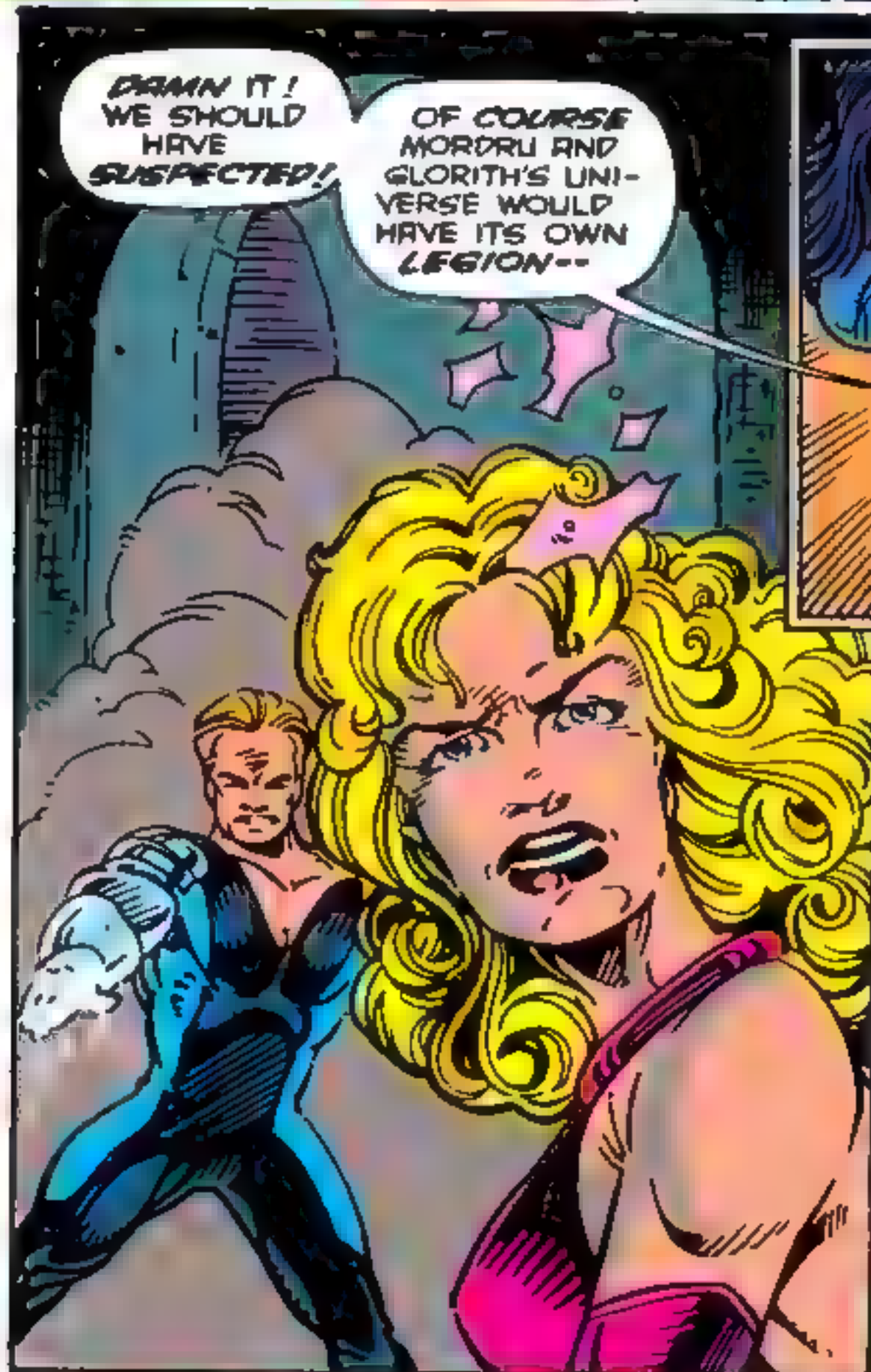
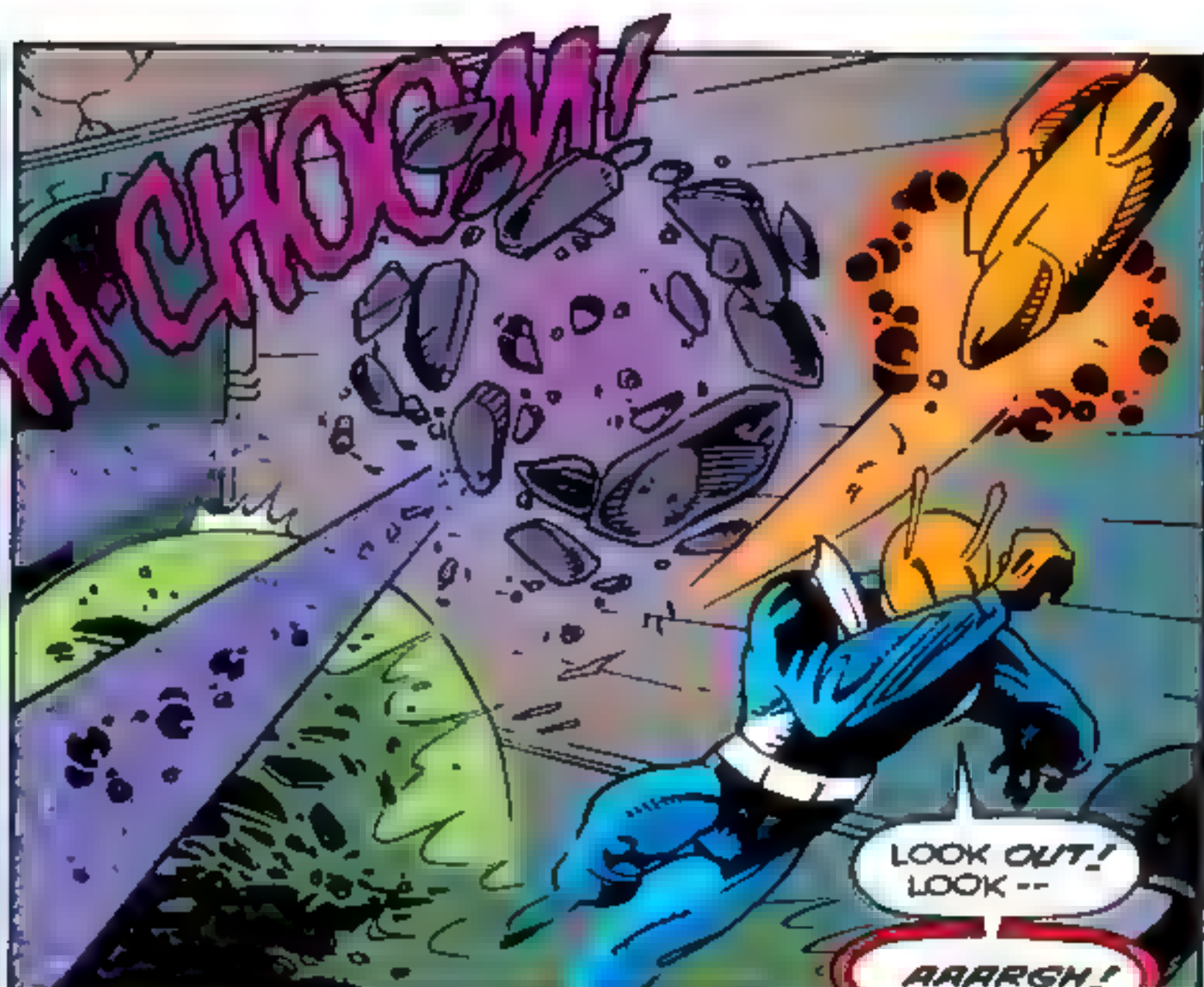
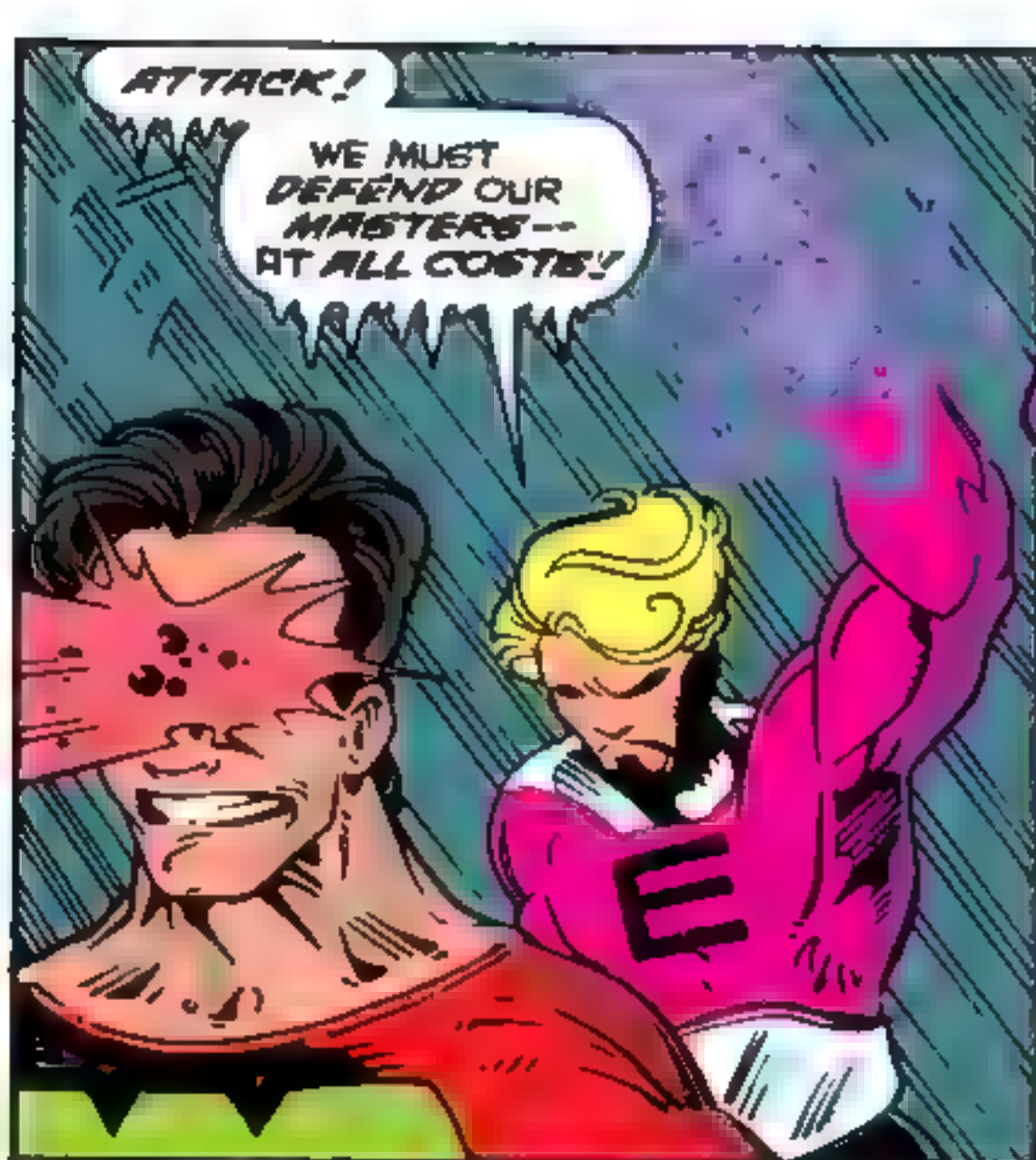
A *DIVERSIONARY*
TACTIC, THEN! WHAT
A *SPLENDID PLAN*!

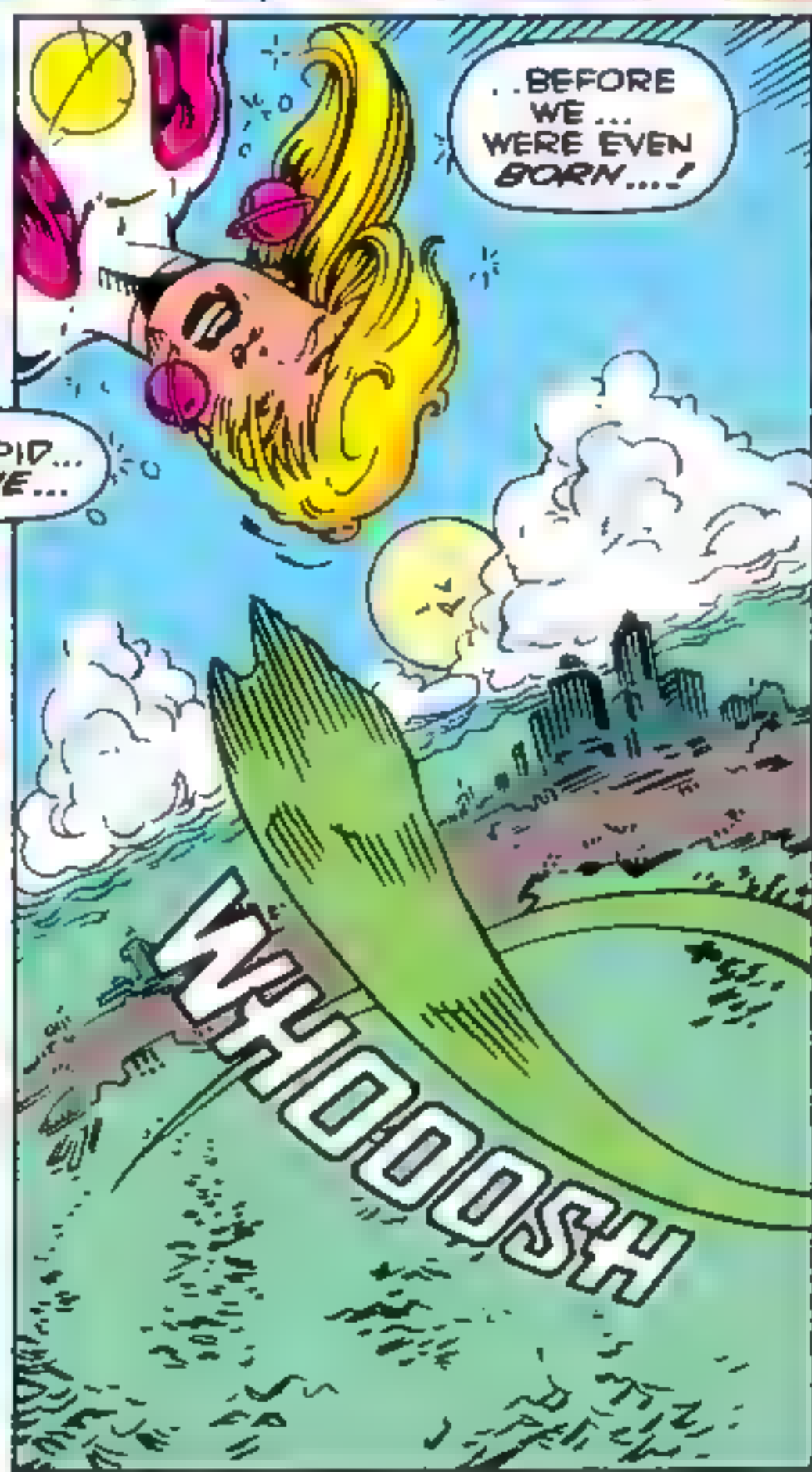
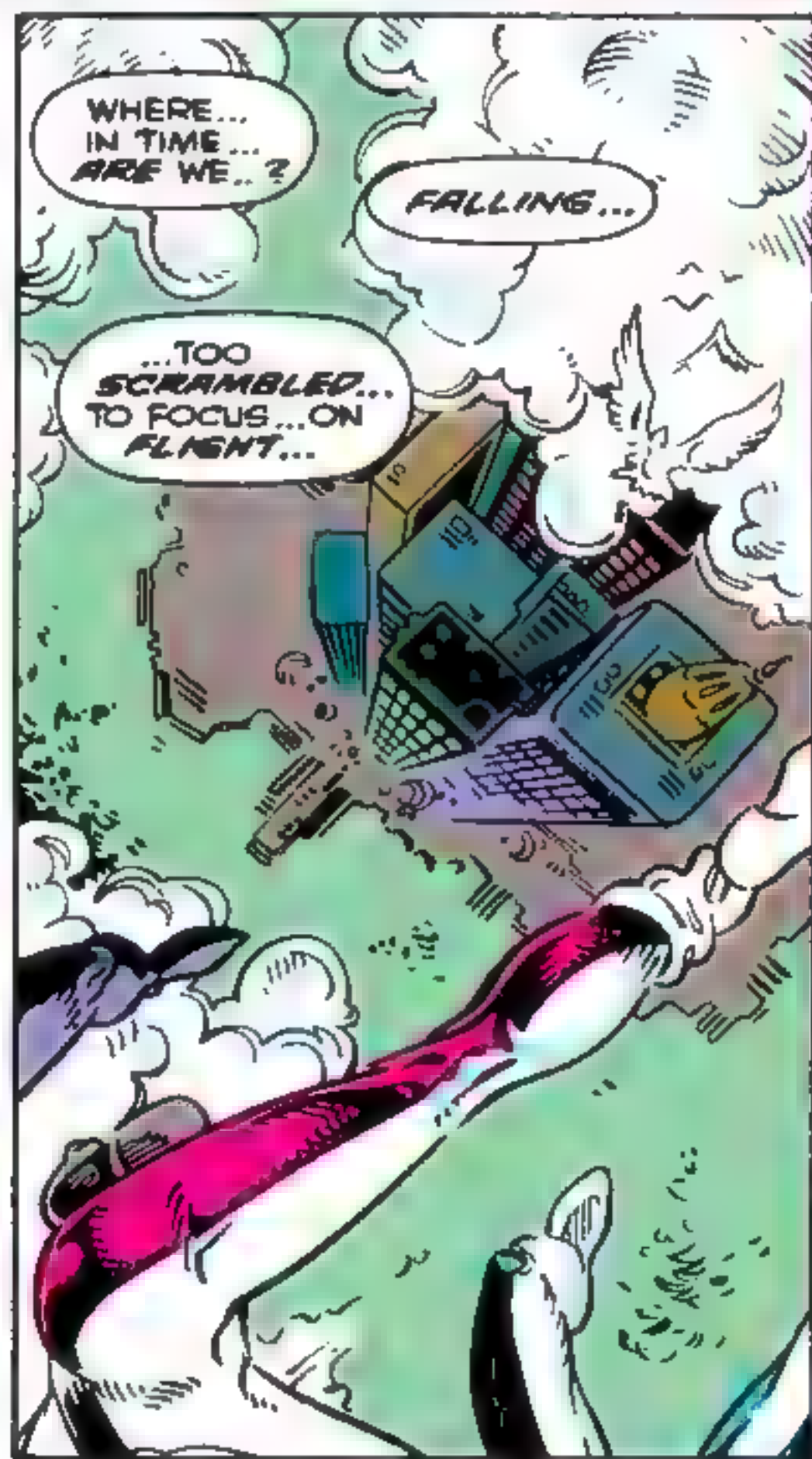
TOO BAD
FOR YOU...

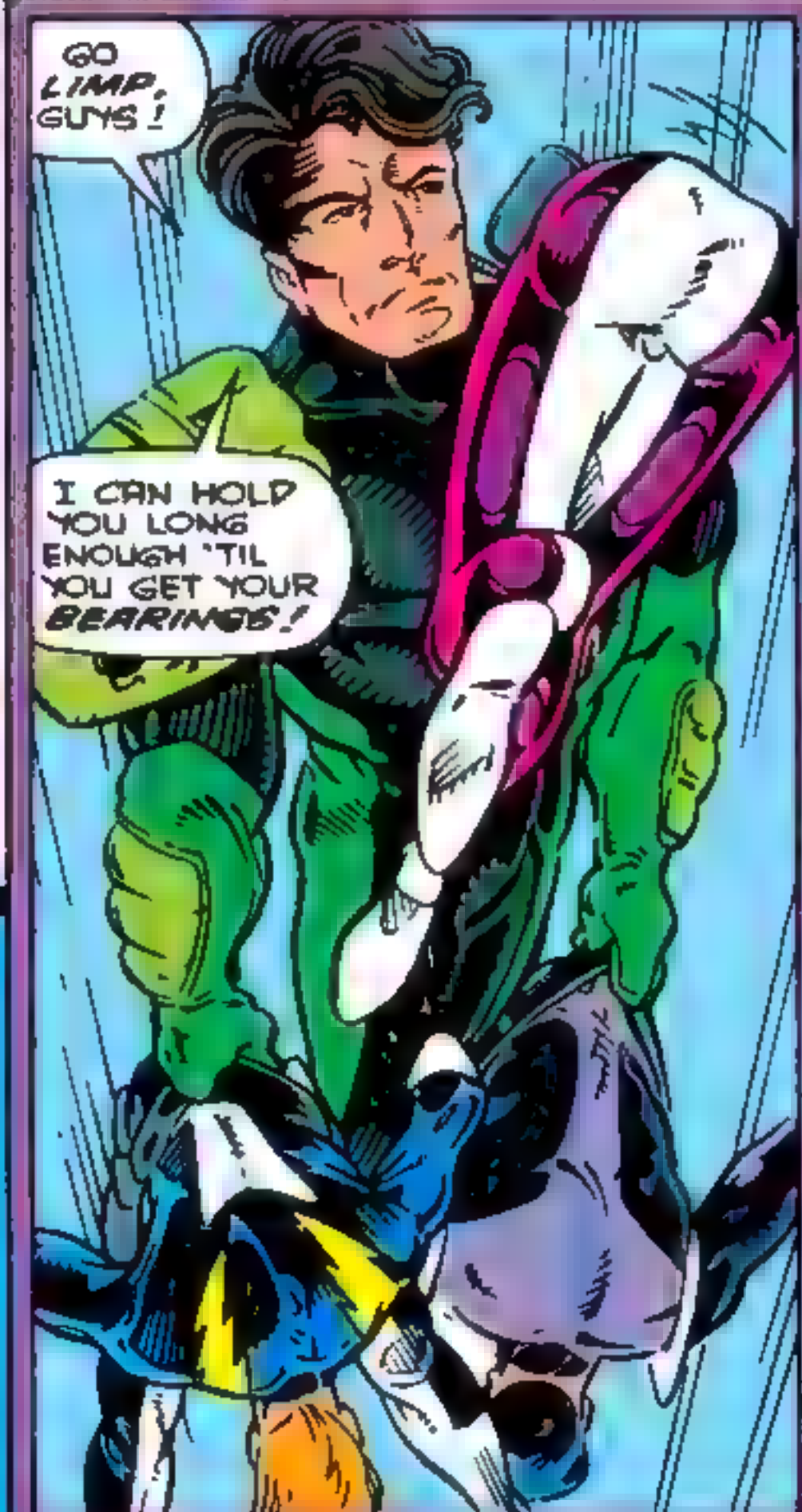
NO...











GO LIMP, GUYS!

I CAN HOLD YOU LONG ENOUGH 'TIL YOU GET YOUR BEARINGS!



WHEW! THANKS FOR THE *SAVE*, STRANGER...

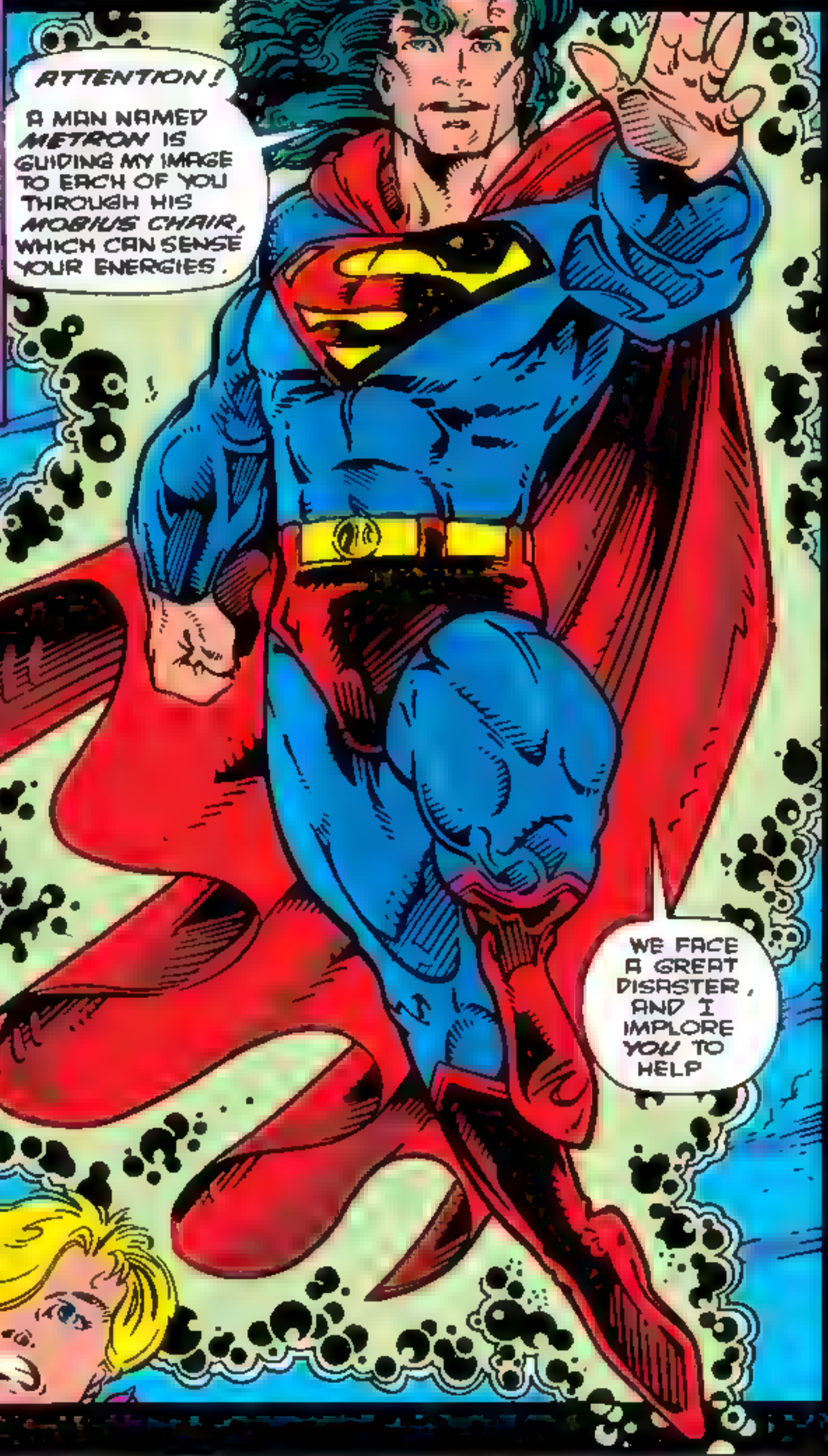
...JO NAH?!?

WHAT IN SATURN'S RINGS ARE YOU DOING HERE? AND FOR *THAT* MATTER-- WHERE *IS* "HERE"?

TWENTIETH-CENTURY EARTH, SATURN GIRL! I CAME LOOKING FOR...

...WELL, THAT'S NOT *IMPORTANT*. WHAT'S *CRITICAL* NOW IS THAT WE'RE *ALL* STRANDED! MY BUBBLE *ALSO* SMASHED AGAINST THE TIME BARRIER WHEN I TRIED LEAVING THIS ERA!

WE'LL NEED *HELP* GETTING BACK HOME, AND I DON'T KNOW WHO IN THIS TIME--

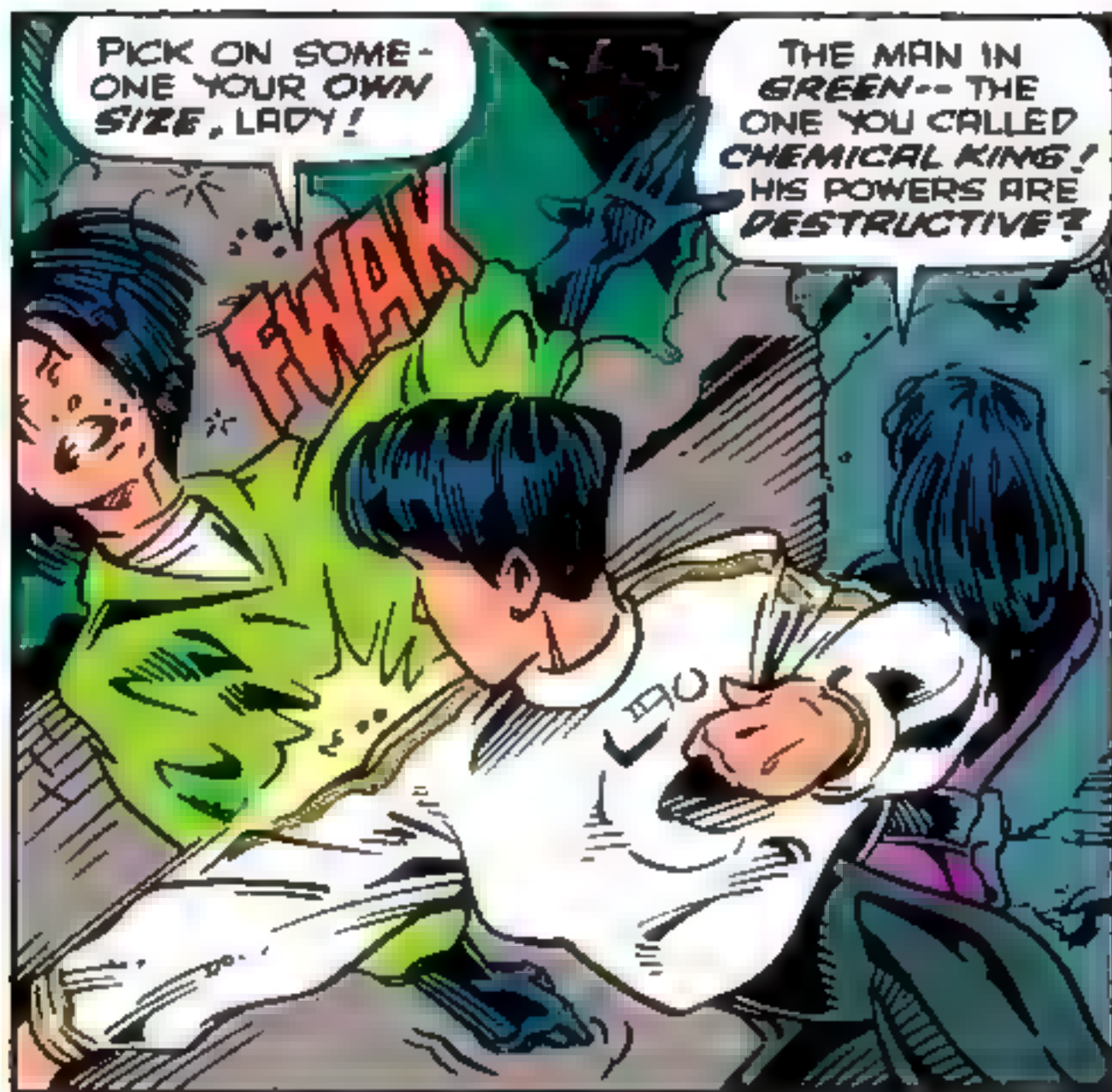


ATTENTION!
A MAN NAMED *METRON* IS GUIDING MY IMAGE TO EACH OF YOU THROUGH HIS *MOBIUS CHAIR*, WHICH CAN SENSE YOUR ENERGIES.

WE FACE A GREAT DISASTER, AND I IMPORE YOU TO HELP

SUPERMAN!





PICK ON SOME-
ONE YOUR OWN
SIZE, LADY!

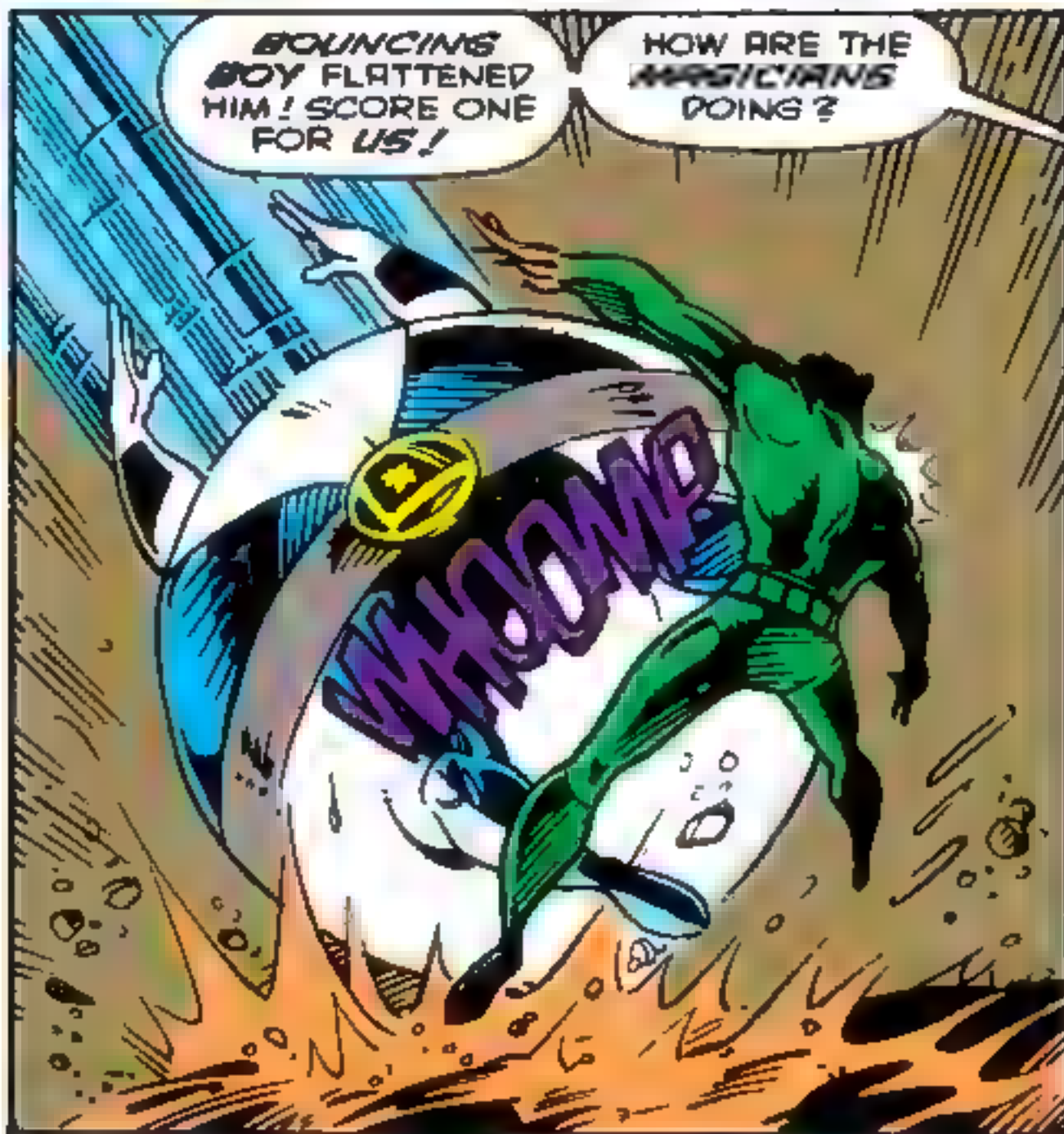
THE MAN IN
GREEN-- THE
ONE YOU CALLED
CHEMICAL KING!
HIS POWERS ARE
DESTRUCTIVE?



EYAAARGH!

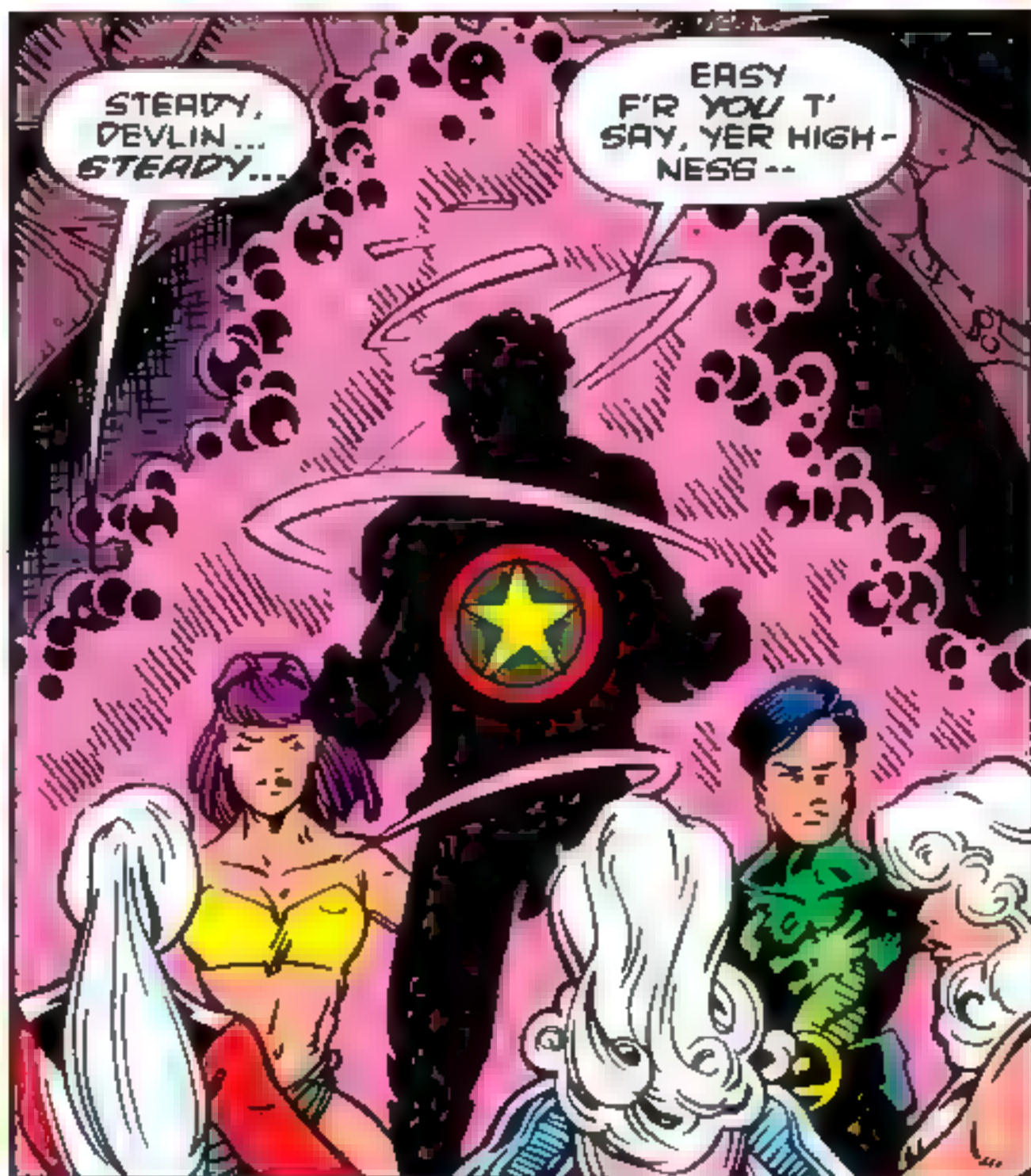
ABSOLUTELY **UNFF!**

THEN
DUCK!



BOUNCING
BOY FLATTENED
HIM! SCORE ONE
FOR US!

HOW ARE THE
MAGICIANS
DOING?



STEADY,
DEVLIN...
STEADY...

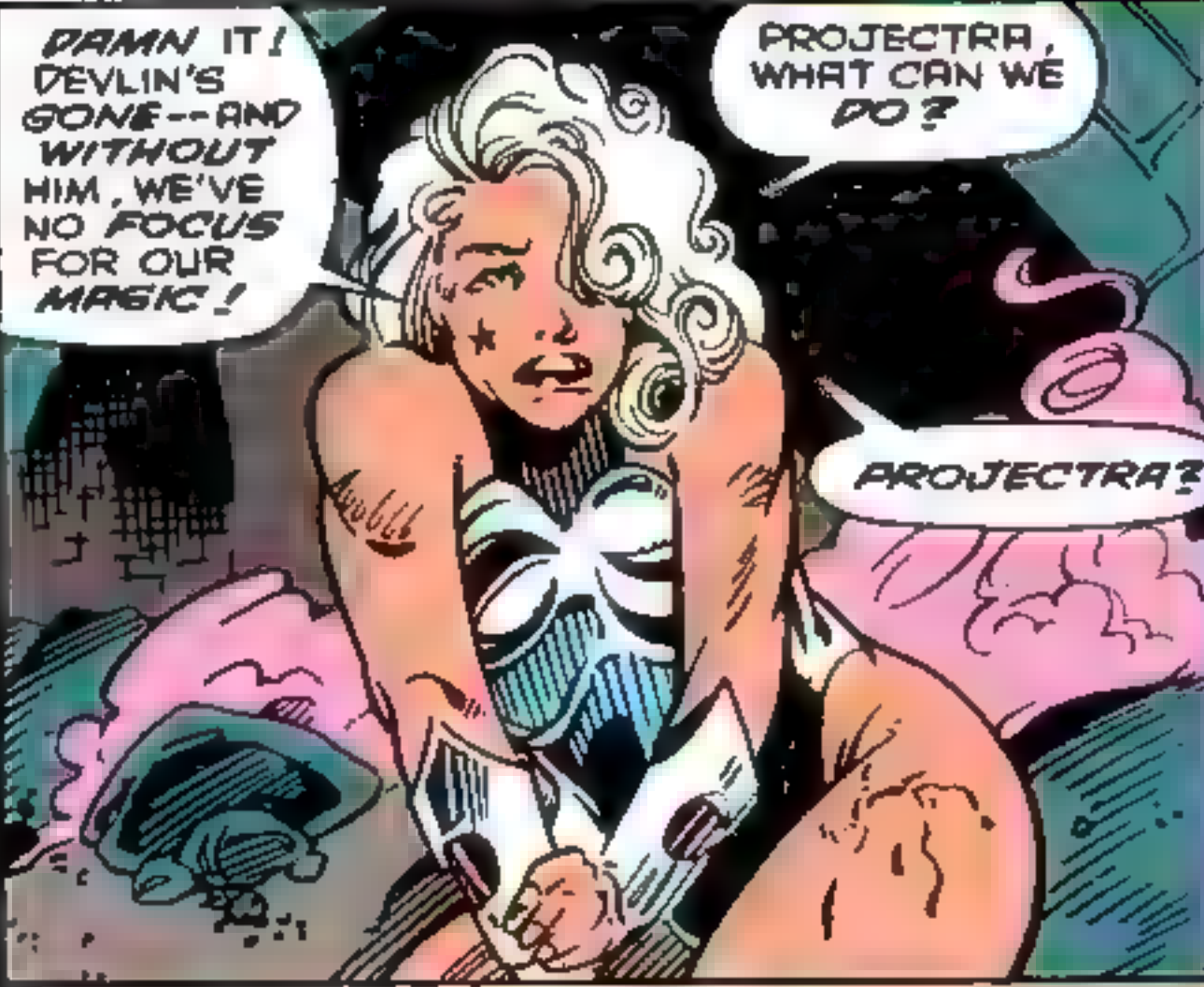
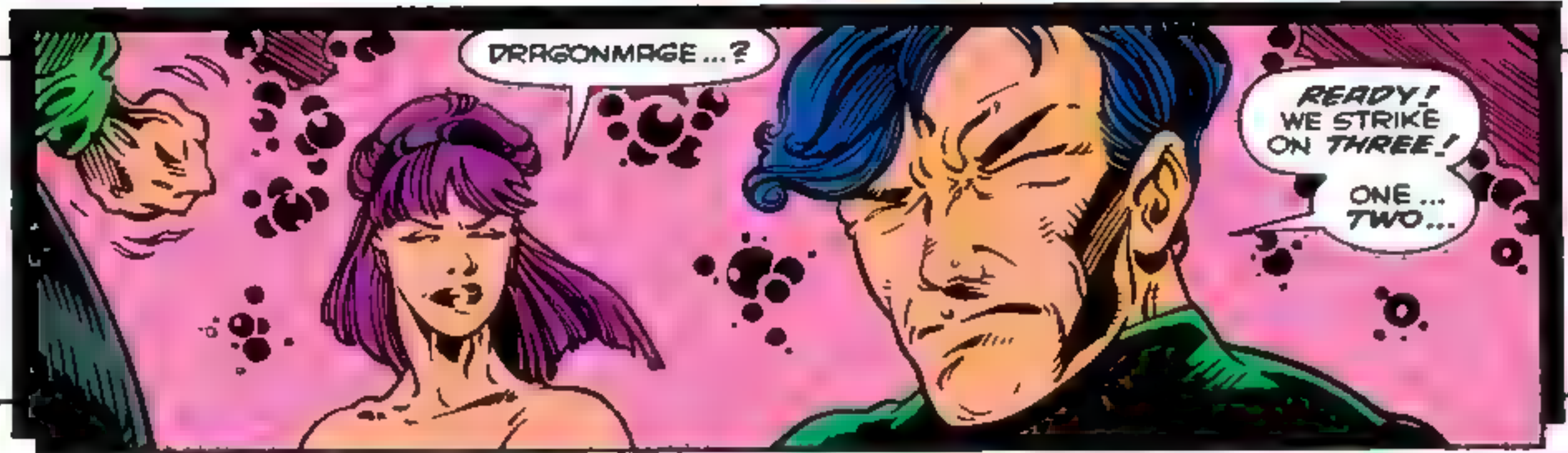
EASY
F'R YOU T'
SAY, YER HIGH-
NESS--

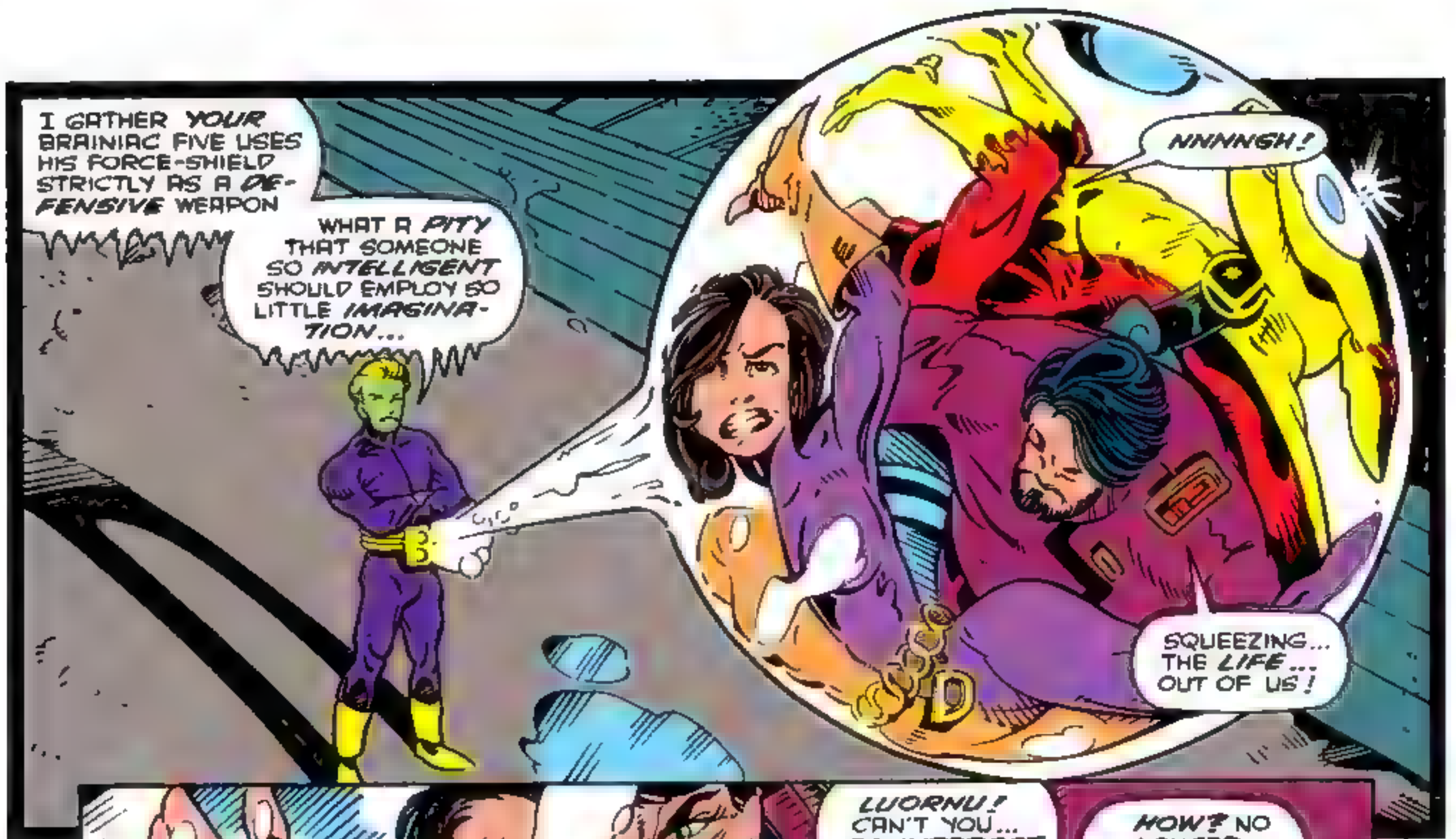


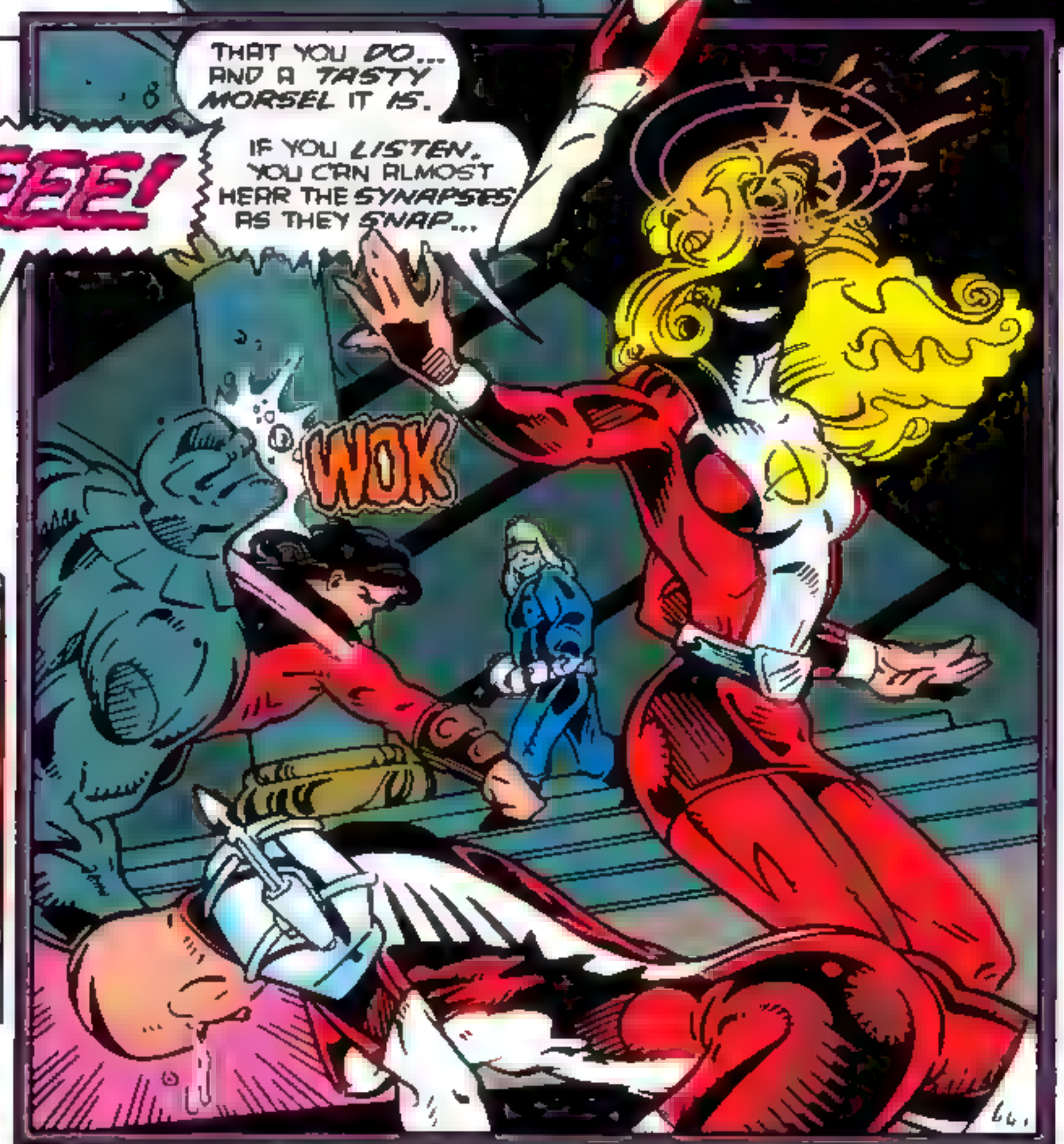
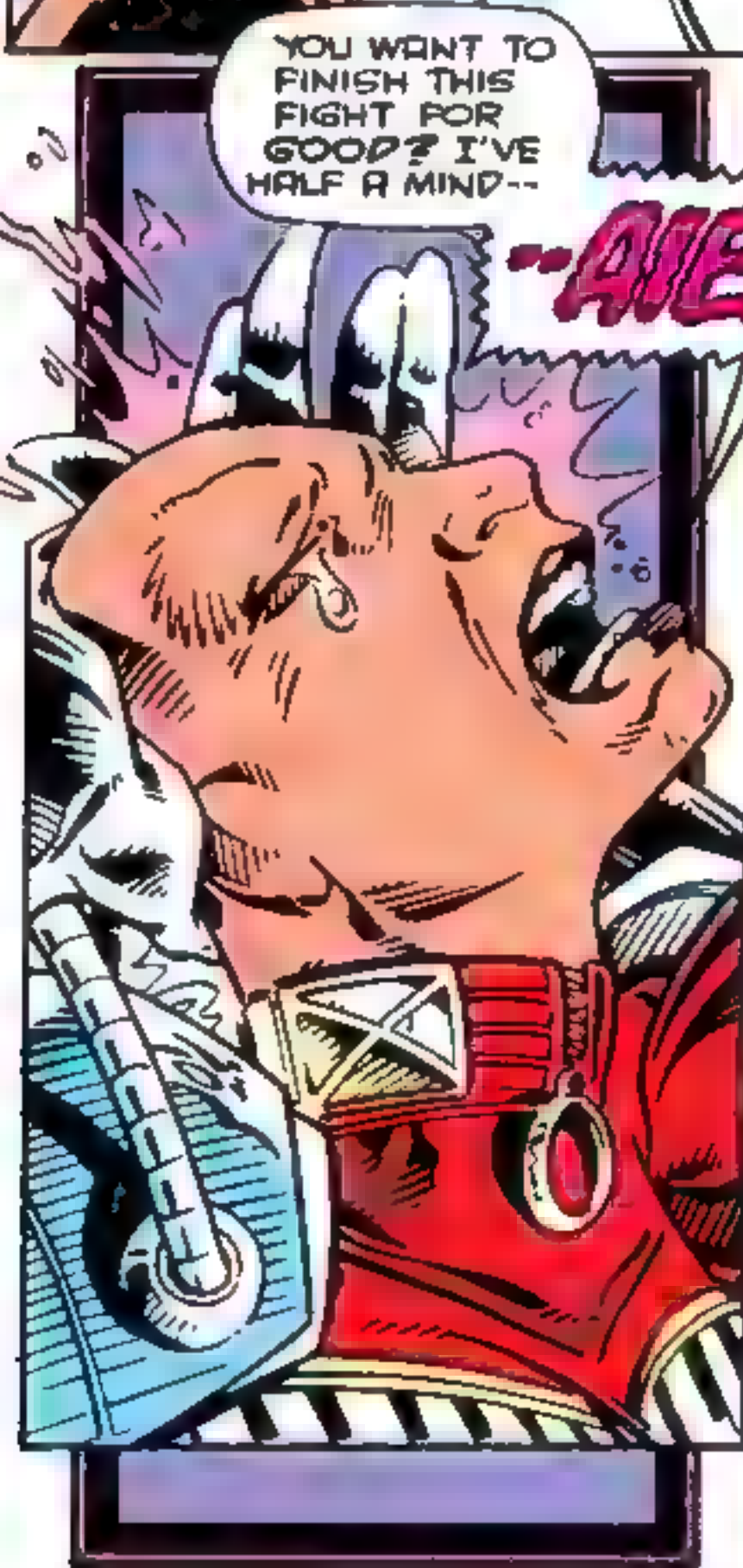
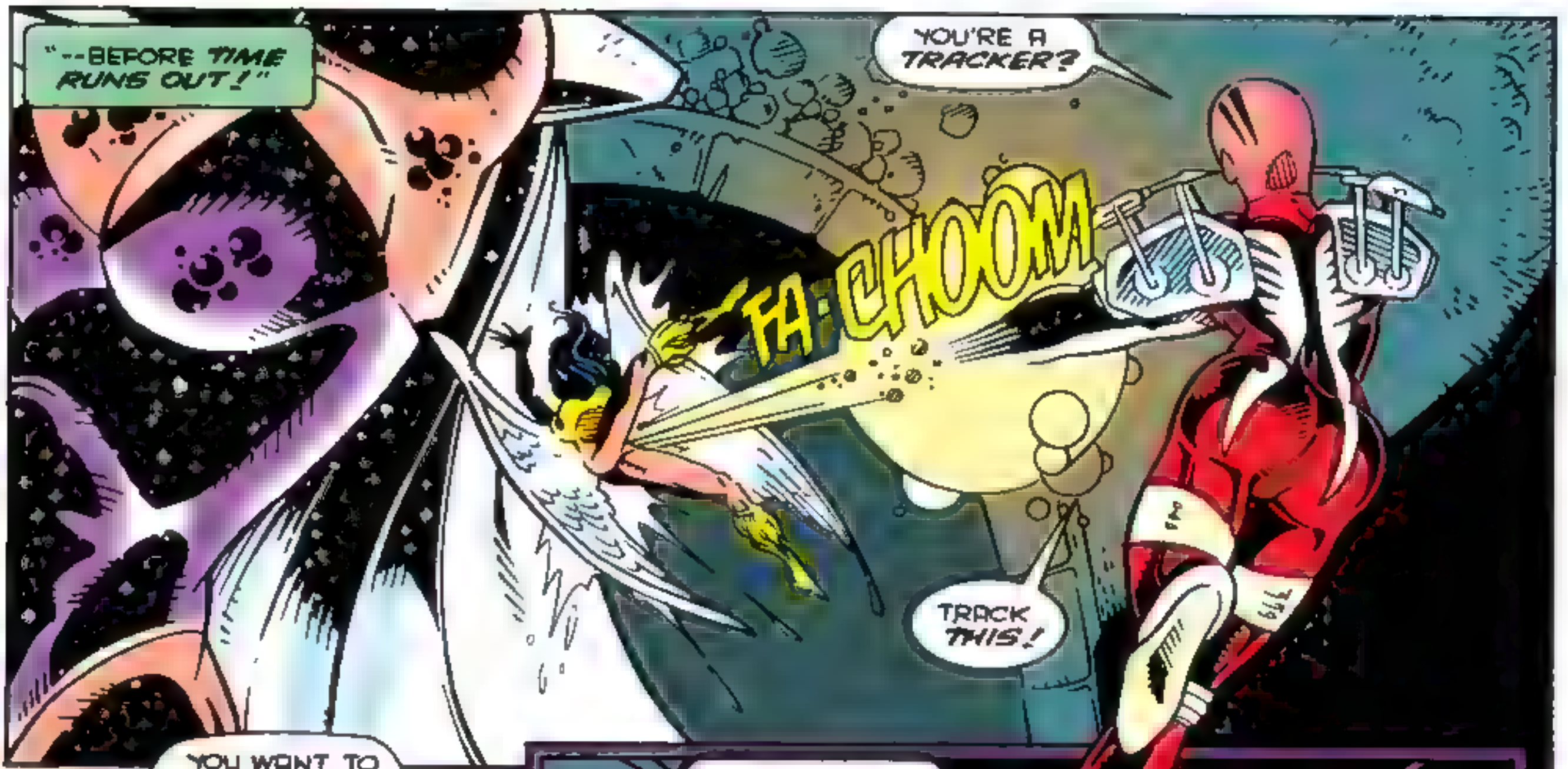
--BUT I
CANNA
TAKE MUCH
MORE!

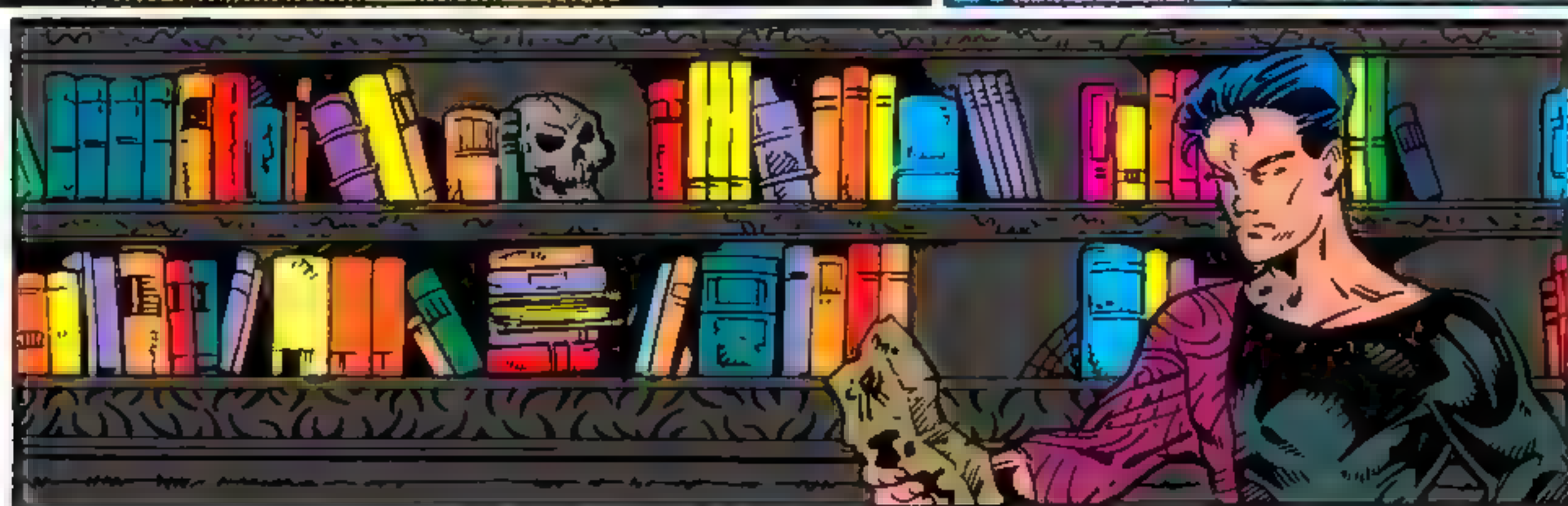
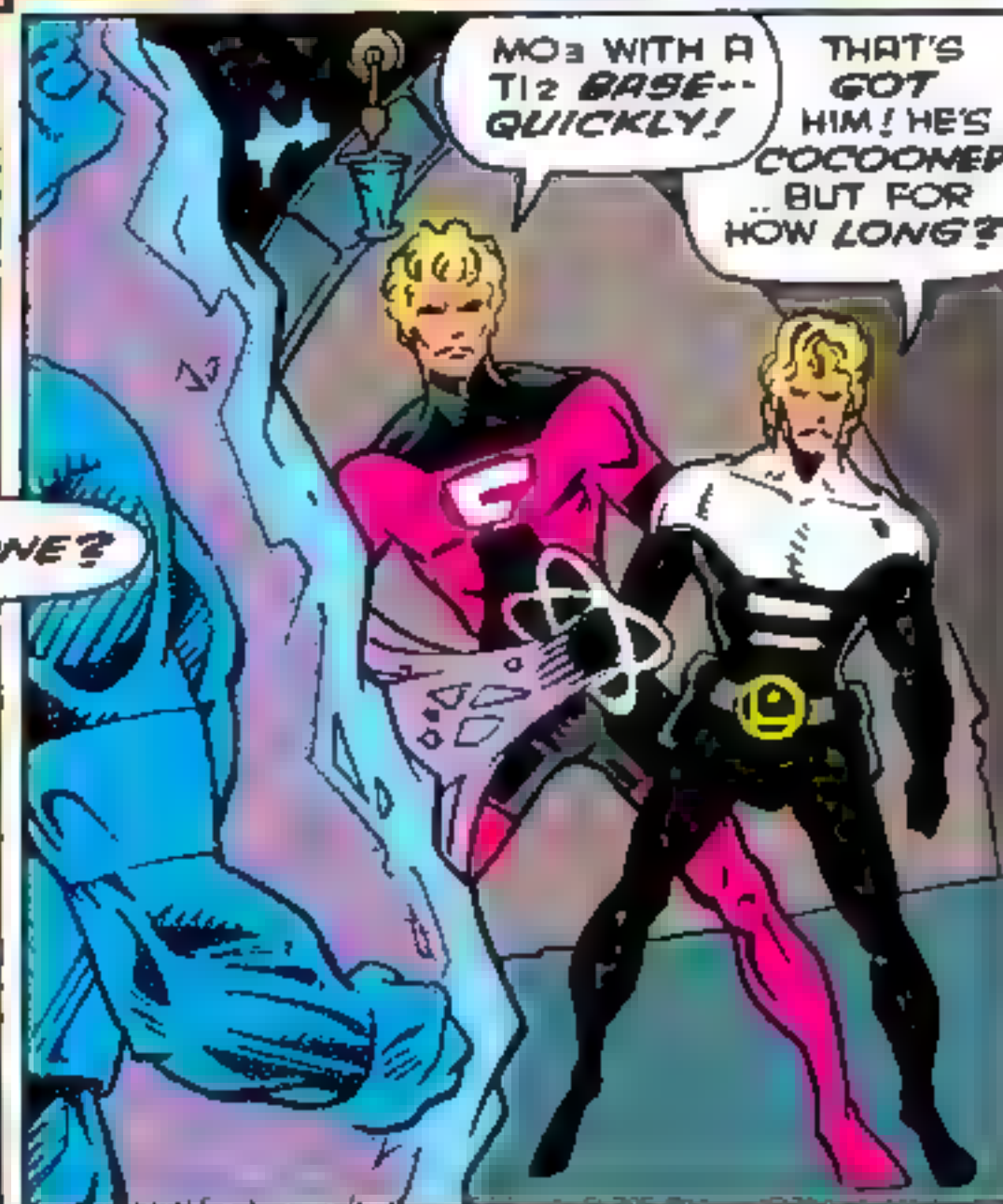
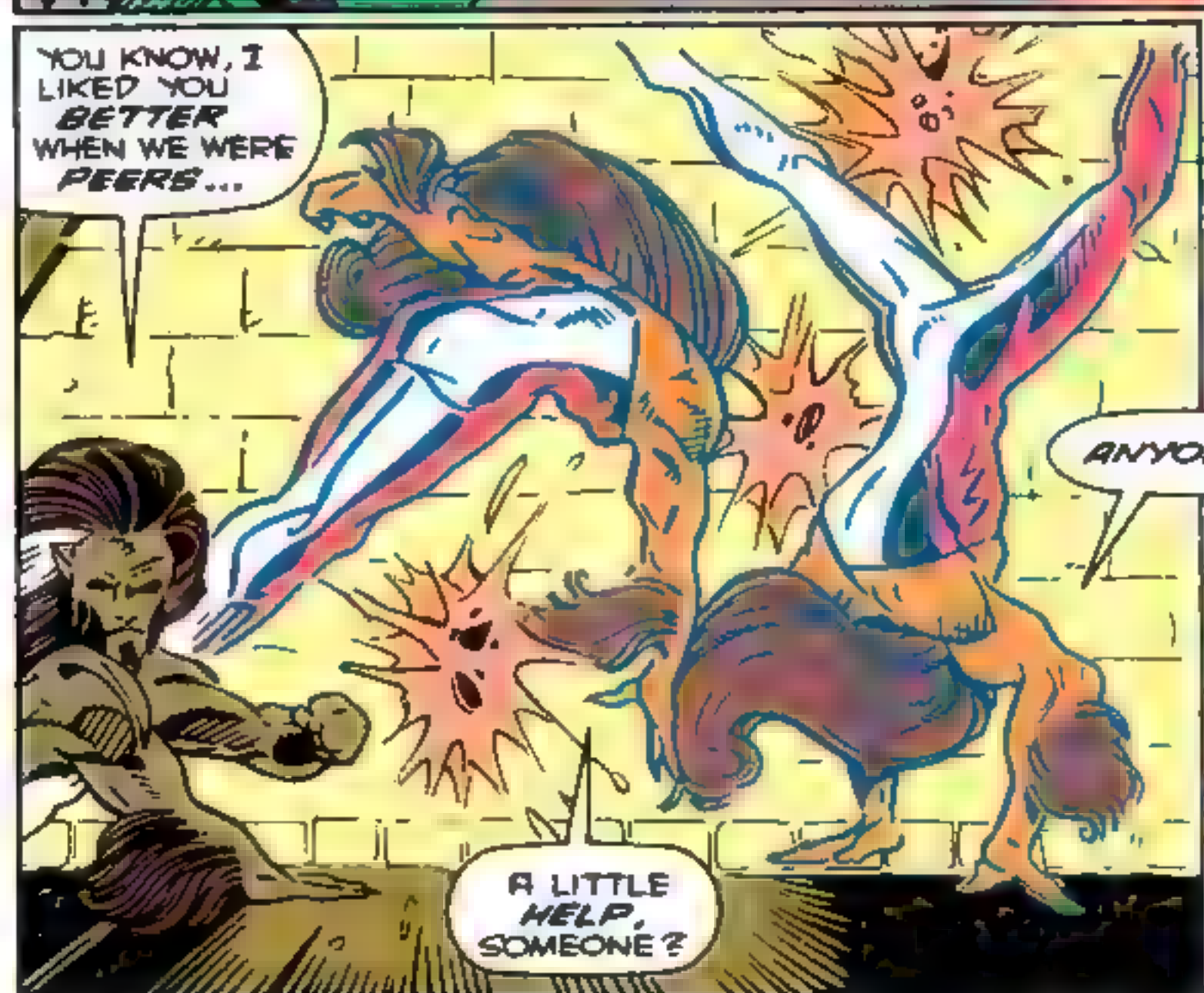
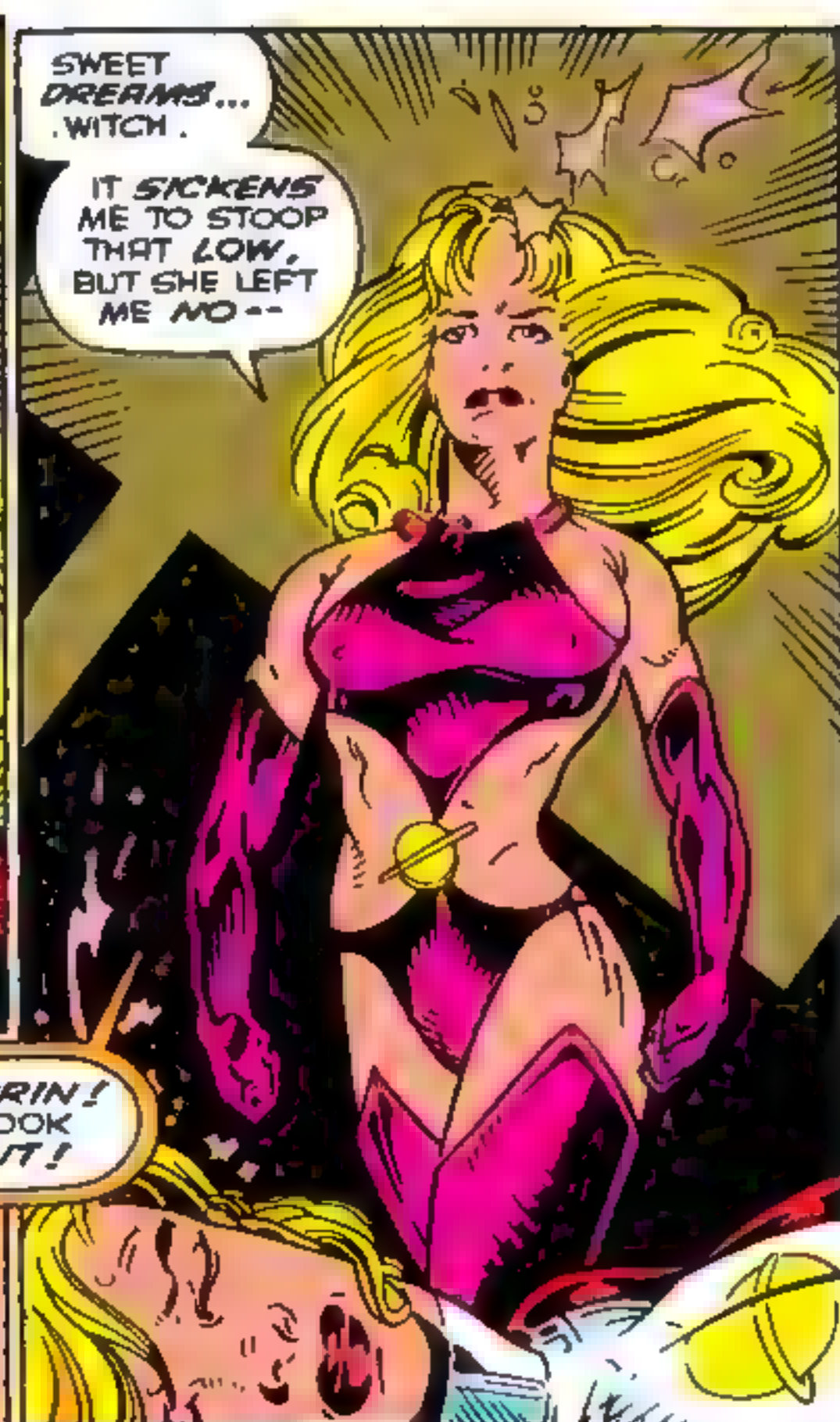
DO
SOMETHIN'--
B'FORE I
EXPLODE!

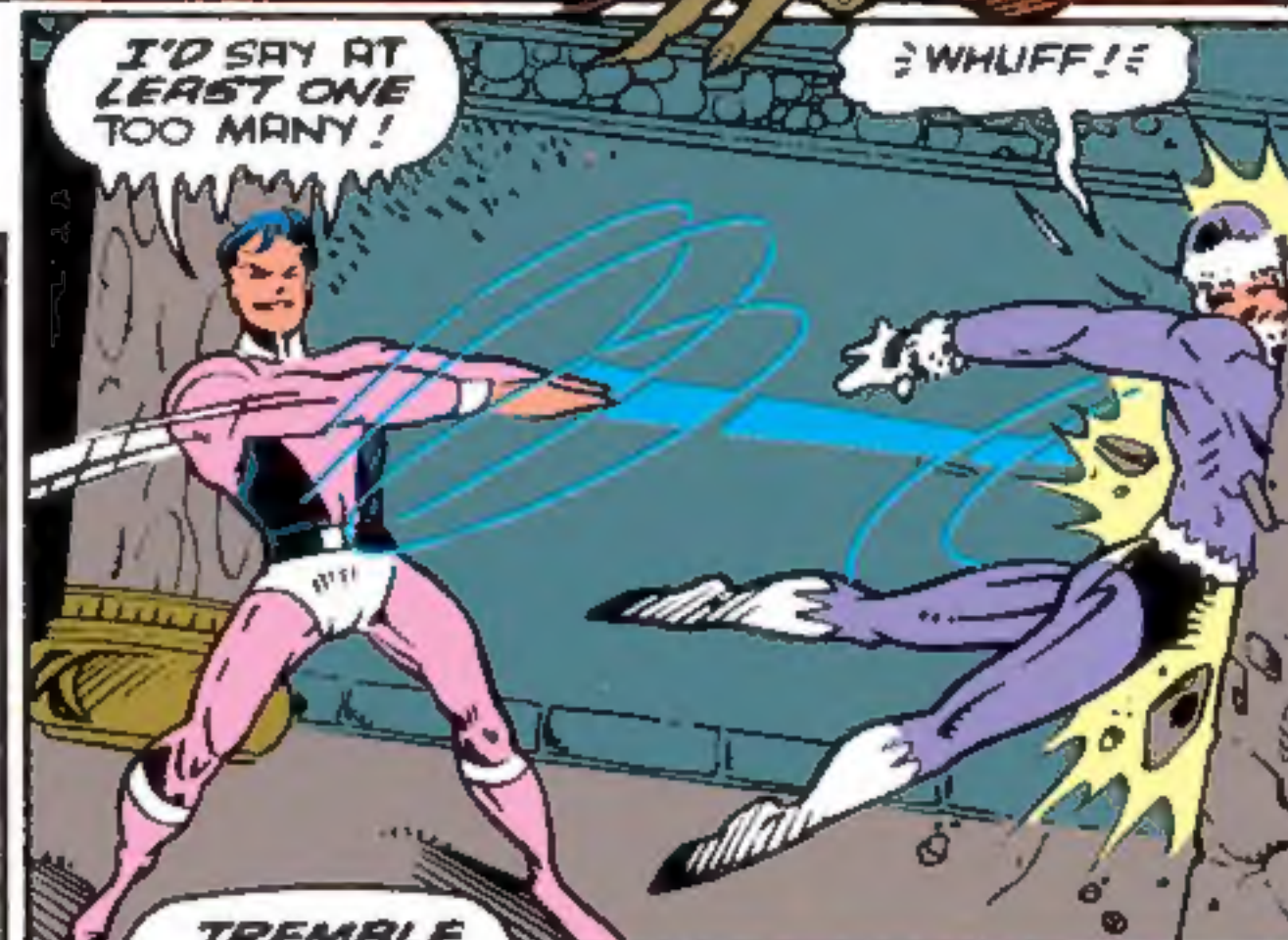
















NO! STRY JOINED--

--OR THE SPELL CANNOT HOLD!

THOOM!

YEEA ARGH!



IT WORKED! OUR ENEMIES ARE UNHURT...

...BUT WITH THEIR SEPARATION, THEIR HOLD ON REALITY HAS COLLAPSED. THE UNIVERSE IS SAFE ONCE MORE FROM THEIR ASCENSION.

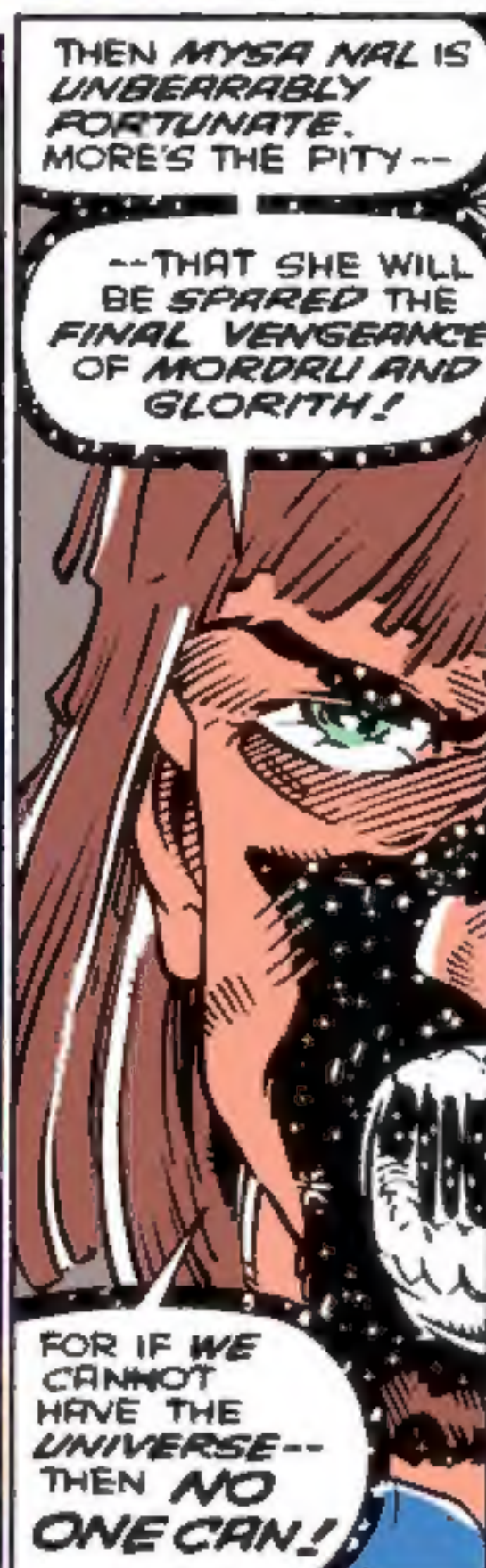
UNFORTUNATELY, AS IT HAS SO MANY OF MY COMRADES, I FEEL TIME'S COLD HAND STEALING ME FROM THIS REALITY. I FADE...

...BUT NOT WITHOUT TASTING THE SWEETNESS OF A LONG OVERDUE VICTORY.



I'M NO LONGER AFRAID OF YOU, MORDRU. MYSA NAL LEAVES THIS REALM FREE OF FEAR.

FREE AT LAST



THEN MYSA NAL IS UNBEARABLY FORTUNATE. MORE'S THE PITY--

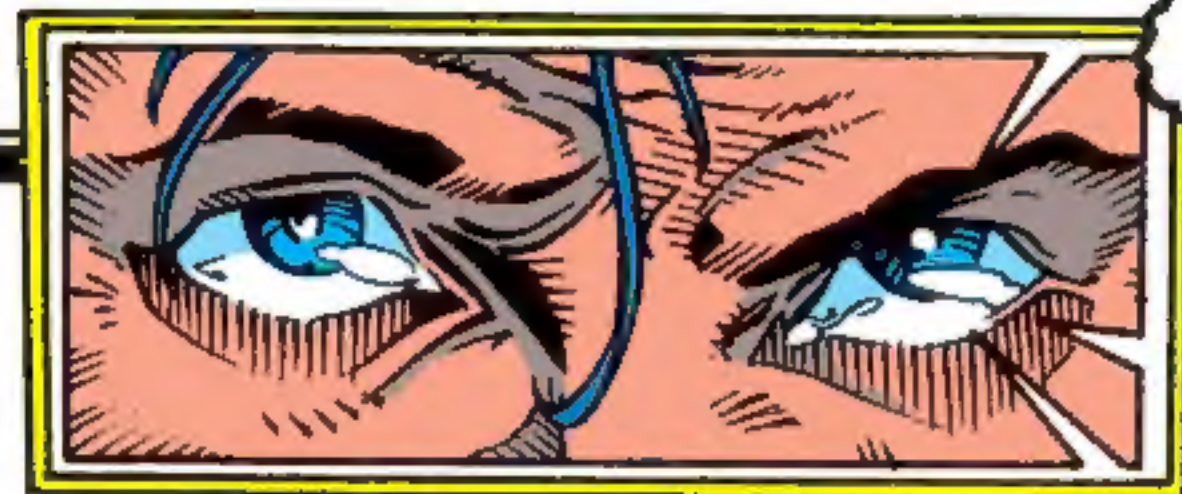
--THAT SHE WILL BE SPARED THE FINAL VENGEANCE OF MORDRU AND GLORITH!

FOR IF WE CANNOT HAVE THE UNIVERSE-- THEN NO ONE CAN!



AT LAST YOU ARRIVE.

ENTER, ROKK KRINN.



ENTER THE
DOMAIN OF--

**..THE TIME
TRAPPER!**

WE HAVE
MUCH TO
DISCUSS...



...AND TIME
IS OF THE
ESSENCE!

Continued
THIS WEEK
in

VALOR #23!

And for more on those Legionnaires
trapped in the 20th
Century--don't miss

ZERO HOUR #3!